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OH?
WANTED
A JOB, YOU SAY?
I MIGHT LEND AN EAR, BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST...
WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
AH, WHERE ARE MY MANNERS?
I AM KAGUYA SHIRATORI, AT YOUR SERVICE.
IN THAT MOMENT...

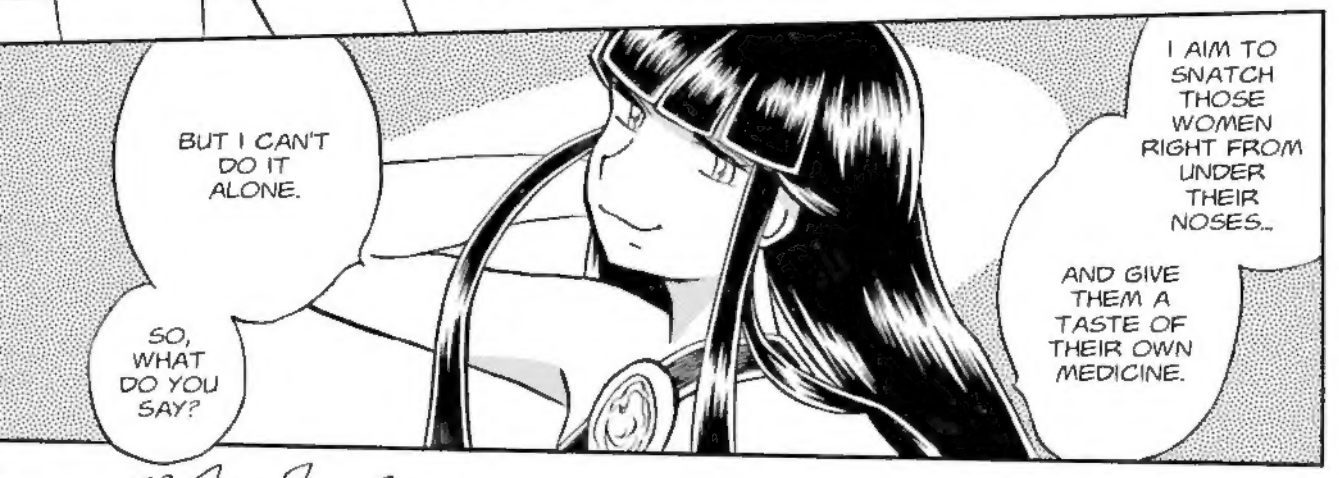
I FELT AN INEXPLICABLE CHILL...
...AS IF A SUDDEN GUST HAD SWEPT THROUGH THE ROOM.
PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD WHISPERS OF THE MOONLIGHT CRANE? THAT RING ANY BELLS FOR YOU?
HOLD UP... THE MOONLIGHT CRANE?
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
Y-YOU'RE TELLIN' ME YOU NE'ER HEARD OF HER? SHE'S A FREELANCE MERCENARY...
...A LONE WOLF WHO ANSWERS TO NO ONE. THEY CALL HER THE DANCING PRINCESS.

MY REAL AIM? TO LIVE LIFE BY MY OWN RULES, NO STRINGS ATTACHED.
IS THAT SO?
...A-AND WORD IS SHE AIN'T NEVER TASTED DEFEAT...
BUT MER-CENARY WORK IS JUST MY WAY OF KEEPING BREAD ON THE TABLE.
INDEED.
IT'S LIKE THE FIRST DOMINO ABOUT TO FALL.
SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS MEETING BETWEEN ASH AND THIS WOMAN...
?
?
COME AGAIN?
IT'S AS IF THEIR PATHS CROSSING IS ABOUT TO SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION...
WELL, WELL...
...AS THE WIND ITSELF!
THAT'S RIGHT...
I AIM TO BE AS FREE...

I'M IN NEED OF SOME MUSCLE FOR A FIGHT.
TRUTH BE TOLD...
SO WHAT BRINGS THE UNDEFEATED DANCING PRINCESS TO OUR HUMBLE SHIPPING COMPANY?
SO...
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
AND OUR OPPONENT? NONE OTHER THAN THE EARTH FEDERATION FORCES--
BUT, THEY'RE ALL WOMEN!
TOMORROW, UNDER THE GUISE OF "LABOR RECRUITMENT," A FEDERATION BATTLESHIP IS SET TO TRANSPORT 2,000 PEOPLE.

HUH?
IT'S NOTHING SHORT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

BUT TO TREAT PEOPLE AS MERE CHATTEL...,
'TIS BEYOND THE PALE.
THE FEDERATION'S LOWER RANKS HAVE DEVOLVED INTO MERE HOOLIGANS..
EXPLOITING THE COLONY'S IMPOVERISHED MASSES AT WILL!


BUT I CAN'T DO IT ALONE.
SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I AIM TO SNATCH THOSE WOMEN RIGHT FROM UNDER THEIR NOSES..
AND GIVE THEM A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE.

はぁ!?
THIS HAS GOT TO BE SOME KIND OF SICK JOKE!

FANCY JOINING ME IN THIS LITTLE REBELLION?

UH...

I'M PUTTING MY FOOT DOWN, BOSS!
TANGLING WITH THE FEDERATION IS LIKE POKING A SLEEPING BEAR!
WE CAN'T POSSIBLY AGREE TO THIS MADNESS.
AIN'T NOTHING BUT TROUBLE TO GAIN!

EVEN IF IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF THUGS FLYING THE FEDERATION'S COLORS...
...WE'D STILL BE PICKING A FIGHT WITH A FORCE THAT'S WAY OUT OF OUR LEAGUE.

WHAT'S THE MATTER? I'LL COMPENSATE YOU ALL HANDSOMELY, MAKE NO MISTAKE.
DAT AIN'T THE POINT!

I GET IT! 2,000 WOMEN IN TROUBLE IS HARD TO IGNORE...
BUT WE'VE GOT TO KEEP OUR HORMONES IN CHECK--
I SAID I SEE YOUR POINT.
NOW PIPE DOWN FOR A SECOND...

UH...
UH...
IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL, WE'LL BE BITING OFF WAY MORE THAN WE CAN CHEW!
I SEE YOUR POINT.
THE FEDERATION THESE DAYS IS ALL BARK AND NO BITE, BUT THAT JUST MAKES THEM MORE IRRITATING TO DEAL WITH!

SAGOYEN
ALRIGHT.
WE'RE IN.
BOSS!!
CHIEF!!
OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...
I HAD A FEELING YOU'D SEE THINGS MY WAY.

BUT LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT.
WE'RE SHIPPERS, NOT GUNS FOR HIRE.
ALL WE CAN PROMISE AS PROFES-SIONALS...
..IS TO GET YOUR CARGO FROM POINT A TO POINT B IN ONE PIECE.

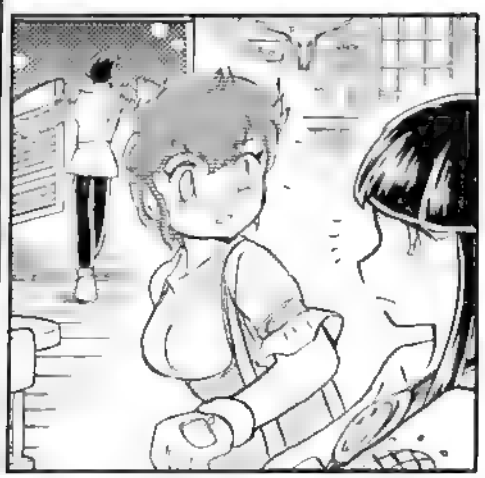
I COULDN'T CARE LESS WHAT'S INSIDE...
...AND MY CREW WON'T ASK QUESTIONS.
ANY DRAMA THAT UNFOLDS AFTER DELIVERY IS ON YOU.

IF YOU CAN LIVE WITH THAT, WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A DEAL.
MY, MY, YOU SUIT-AND-TIE TYPES SURE LOVE YOUR FORMALITIES, DON'T YOU?
BUT I'M NOT ONE TO SPLIT HAIRS.
VERY WELL...

BUT WHILE WE'RE ON THE CLOCK, NOBODY, AND I MEAN NOBODY...
...LAYS A FINGER ON OUR CLIENT OR THE GOODS. THAT'S OUR CODE.

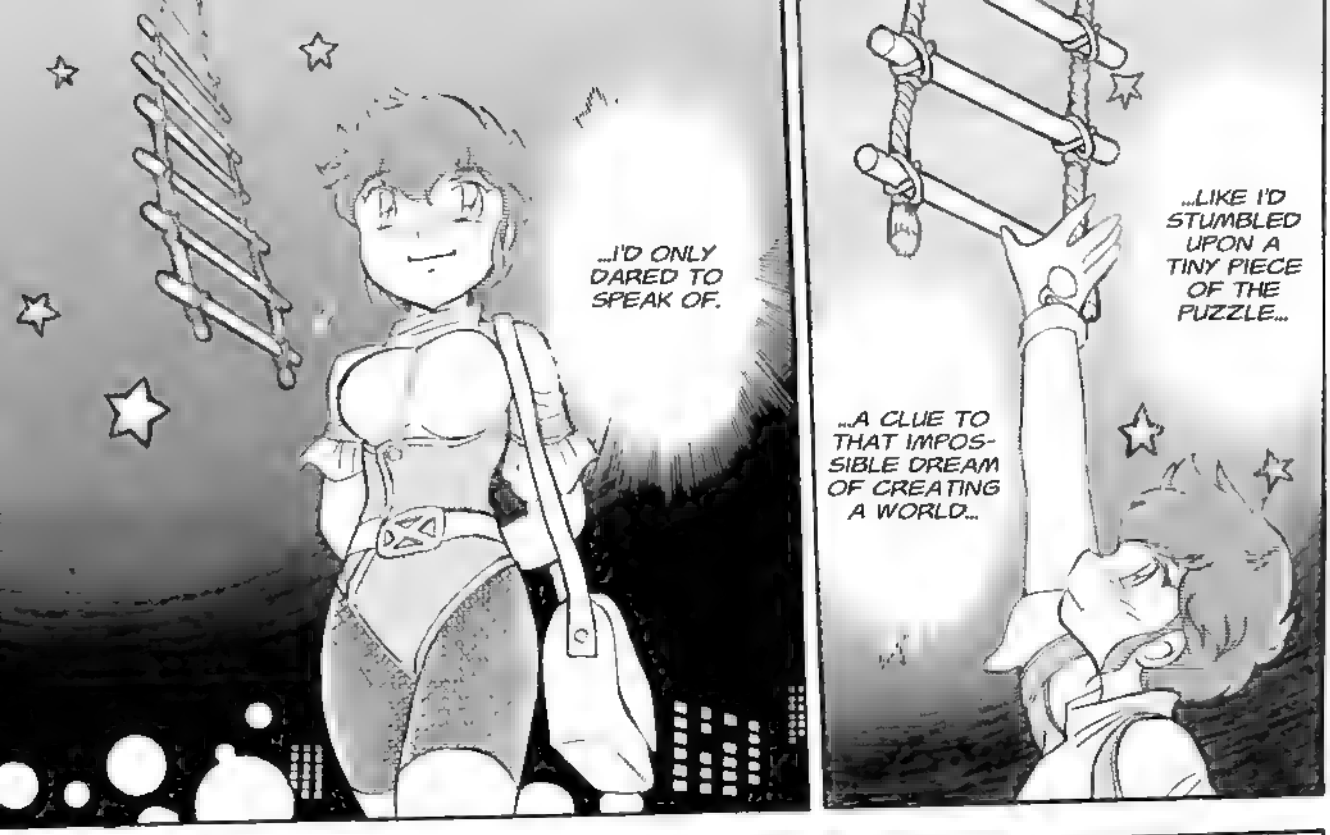
YOU'RE ON!
LET'S RENDEZ-VOUS AT THE DESIG-NATED SPOT TO-MORROW!
...IT'S A DEAL!

ALRIGHT, TEAM, LET'S MOVE OUT



HM?

ASH!
HOLD UP, ASH!
WELL, WELL...
JUST MY TYPE!
ANY-WAY...
...IT'S NOT LIKE THIS LITTLE STUNT IS GONNA TURN THE WORLD ON ITS HEAD OR ANYTHING.
THOUGH I COULD TELL YOU WERE HOPING I WOULD...
EH?
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA. I DIDN'T TAKE THIS JOB FOR YOUR SAKE OR ANYTHING.
I... I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANKS.
IN THAT MOMENT, I FELT A SPARK OF EXCITE-MENT...
...THANK YOU
I KNOW, BUT...
STILL...


...I'D ONLY DARED TO SPEAK OF.
...LIKE I'D STUMBLED UPON A TINY PIECE OF THE PUZZLE...
...A CLUE TO THAT IMPOSSIBLE DREAM OF CREATING A WORLD...

HUH?
...NOT WANT TO PIN TOO MANY HOPES ON OUR BOSS, IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT...
UH...
YOU MIGHT...

IF ONE OUT OF TEN SHOWS THEIR "APPRECIATION..."
THAT'S... 200!
HRRRRK
HEHEHE
TWO THOUSAND BEAUTIFUL LADIES...
EVEN IF IT'S JUST ONE OUT OF TEN...
WHEN DID THEY ALL BECOME BEAUTIES?

HAHAHAHA!
UH... I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, HE'S JUST TH NK NG WITH HIS... OTHER HEAD, IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT
BUWAHAHA!
EVEN AT ONE IN TEN...
...THAT'S 200!

THE FOLLOWING DAY
RUNNING MOBILE SUIT ID CHECK.
KAGUYA SHIRATORI'S RIDE THE CRANE, CONFIRMED.
IN-CREDI-BLE!

INITIAT-
ING
DOCKING.
THAT'S QUITE AN UNUSUAL SUIT, ISN'T IT?
HM? IF I HAD TO GUESS, I'D SAY IT'S SOME SORT OF TRANSFORM-ABLE MOBILE SUIT MODEL FROM A FEW YEARS BACK.
LOOKS PRETTY HIGH-END...
MAKES YOJ WONDER HOW SHE MANAGES MAINTE NANCE ALL BY HERSELF
WELCOME ABOARD THE ESCAR

HM, YOU THERE?
HUH? OH!
Y-YES, THAT'S ME!
DON'T TELL ME, YOU'RE THE GREASE MONKEY AROUND THESE PARTS?
ALLOW ME TO ESCORT YOU TO THE BRIDGE.
?
WAIT, WHAT?
?
HM...
WELL, WELL, WELL...
IN THAT CASE, TIME TO MAKE MY MOVE!
WHAT GIVES?
HUH?
LIFT

WE'RE ENTERING THE MIRROR SURFACE ZONE!
EVERYONE, KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED!
WHOA!

HEH, KINDA REMINDS ME OF MY OLD MAN..
STIRS UP SOME BITTER MEMORIES.
WELCOME TO THE GRAVEYARD OF A POWER STATION FROM DAYS GONE BY.
THIS PLACE IS INCREDIBLE!
WITHOUT A DOUBT I'VE VERIFIED IT MYSELF.
YOU'RE CERTAIN THE FEDERATION SHIP WILL PASS THROUGH THIS AREA?
DON'T MIND ME, JUST WOOL GATHERING.
AH...
HUH?
..AND WE'VE GOT COVER EVERYWHERE.
ANY SHIP WOULD HAVE TO CRAWL THROUGH HERE.
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND, FOLKS. THIS PLACE IS A MAZE OF DEBRIS AND SHADOWS.

HWAH?
...ARE YOU BLESSED IN THE CHEST DEPARTMENT?
SWEET MOTHER OF ARE WE REALLY DOING THIS?! LIKE, FOR REAL?!
IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S THE PERFECT SPOT FOR AN AMBUSH.
TELL ME, DEAR...
HMM, LOVELY NAME...
SAY, LEO...
HUH?
LEO... TAEIL... BUT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS?
HUH? WHA?
HOW BOUT IT, CUTIE? INTERESTED?
?
I'VE BEEN ON THE HUNT FOR A PERSONAL GREASE MONKEY...
...WITH CURVES IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES.

IT'S SIMPLY MY PERSONAL PREFERENCE!
WHAAAAT?!
SHARP AS A TACK, AREN'T YOU?
UM... HOW EXACTLY IS... BEING WELL-ENDOWED RELEVANT HERE?
WAIT A MINUTE!!
HOLD ON?!
HOW ABOUT IT? WANNA BE ALL MINE?
I PROMISE TO TREAT YOU LIKE THE TREASURE YOU ARE.
HATE TO BURST YOUR BUBBLE...
...BUT WE CAN HEAR EVERY JUICY DETAIL OVER HERE.
...FOR SUCH DELICATE MATTERS...
OH YES, HOW COULD I? I SHOULD'VE GONE THROUGH YOU, THE BIG CHEESE...
...BEFORE WE KICK OFF THIS SHINDIG?
MIND PUTTING A LID ON THE FLIRTING WITH OUR FRESH MEAT...
DON'T "OH HEAVENS" ME!
OH, HEAVENS!

NOT A CHANCE!
HAND HER OVER, WON'T YOU?
YEAH, WELL...
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE ANGRY ABOUT PEOPLE TREATING OTHERS LIKE OBJECTS?
LET'S CIRCLE BACK AFTER WE WRAP THIS GIG UP.
MULL IT OVER, LEO
WHA?
HUH?
HEY...
ASH!
BESIDES, SHE'S WITH ME.
IT WAS RATHER BOORISH OF ME NOT TO CONSIDER YOUNG LEO'S FEELINGS.
YOU HAVE A POINT!

I ASSURE YOU, THIS IS NO JEST!
WHERE ON EARTH... DID THIS PERSON COME FROM?
THEY'RE... ODD, OR IS IT JUST ME?
HMM...
YOU KNOW, SOMETHING'S BEEN GNAWING AT ME SINCE LAST NIGHT...
SHE TALKS PRETTY WEIRD SOMETIMES
HUH?
WHA?
NOW WHAT?

ARE THEY REALLY...
...BATTING FOR THE LADIES' TEAM?
HUH?

NO WAY, THEY'VE GOTTA BE A WOMAN, RIGHT? RIGHT?
SOMETHING SMELLS FISHY HERE.
AND IT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT ABOUT THEIR BEHAVIOR...
I'M GONNA GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
HUH?
GET TO THE BOTTOM?

OH?
AH!
HUH?
BOSS?
WHAT THE--?!
WELL, WELL, WELL...
OH? ARE THERE?
THERE ARE, AREN'T THERE?

UH...

WHAT?

WHAM!

WHUMP!

AH, HANG ON!

WAI--

UH OH!

HUH?

COOL YOUR JETS! STOP! THIS IS GETTING WAY OUT OF HAND!
THIS TIME IT'S 100% THE BOSS'S FAULT! IT'S BAD, REAL BAD, BUT...
YOWZA! TIME OUT! TIME OUT!
KYAAH!

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT, PEOPLE!
IT'S BREATHING DOWN OUR NECKS!
FEDERATION SHIP HO!

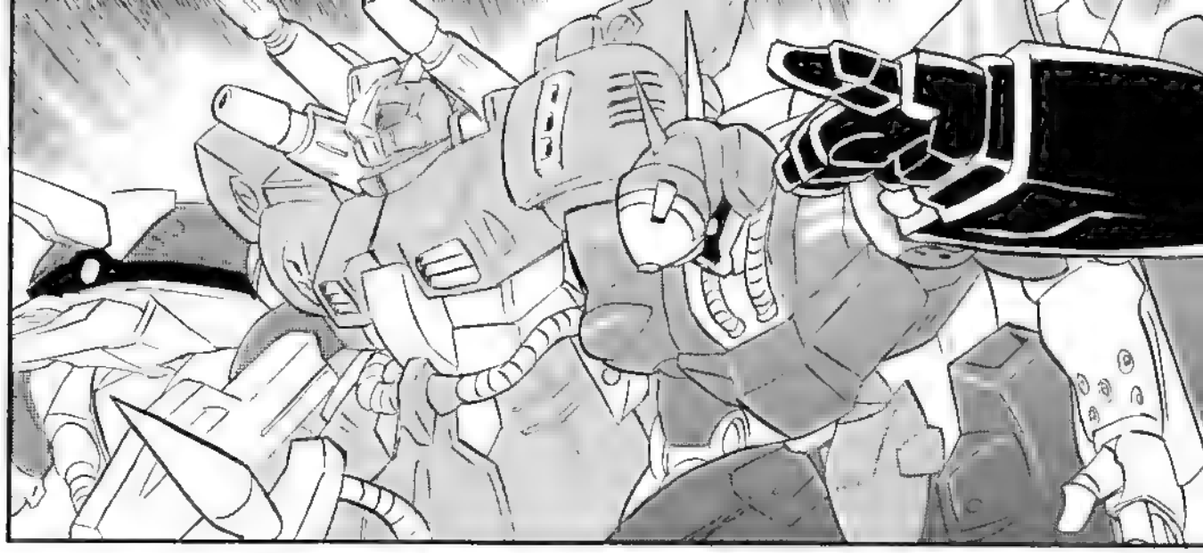
PLIP
PLIP
UUH...

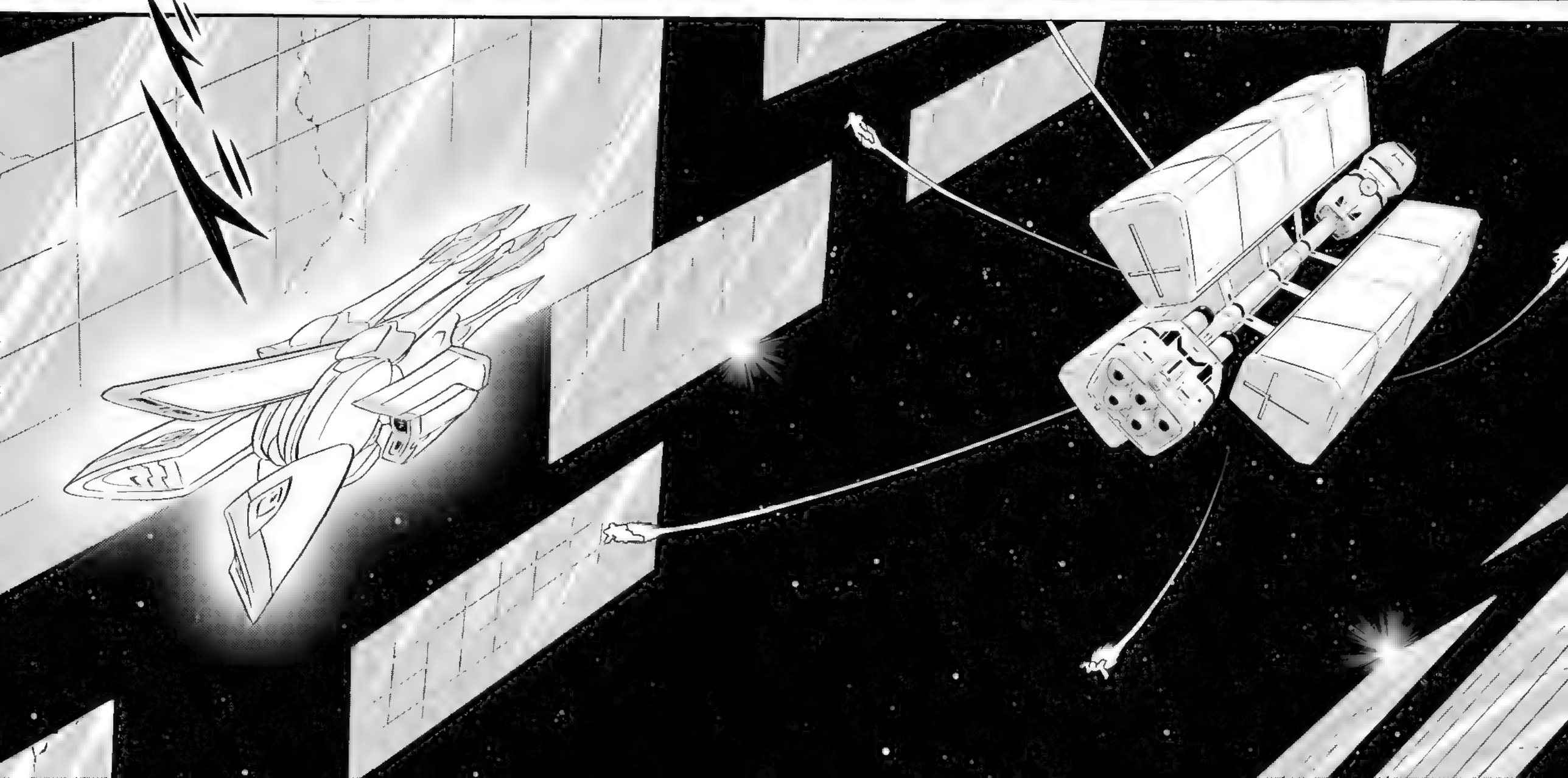
UM...
UH...
HUH?
WAAAH!
R--
RIGHT! I'M GOING AFTER HER!
Y-YEAH, PLEASE DO!
OH!
SNIFF
SNIFF
MS. KAGUYA!
MS. KAGU--

WHA--

KAGUYA JUST TOTALLY BOLTED!
HEY, WHAT IN THE WORLD JUST WENT DOWN ON THE BRIDGE?
HOW'S 'BOUT YOU SAVE THE CONFESSION FOR AFTAH YOU'VE DEALT WITH THAT NOSEBLEED?
MY BAD, IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
THAT SMARTS SOMETHING FIERCE.
YEOWCH...

SAY WHAT NOW?
AND SHE TOOK LEO WITH HER, OF ALL PEOPLE?
UH...
SHE'S NOT EVEN TRYING TO USE THE MIRRORS FOR COVER!
ARGH! YOU DUMB BROAD! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PLANNING?
HJH?
WHAT?
AT THIS RATE, THEY'LL BE SPOTTED IN NO TIME!
THEY'RE JUST CHARGING OUT THERE LIKE HEADLESS CHICKENS!





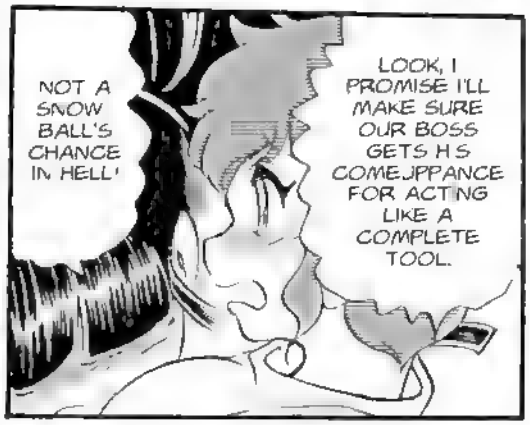
YOU FOOL! YOU'VE GONE AND LOST YOUR MARBLES AT THE WORST POSSIBLE MOMENT!
IF WE CAN'T UTILIZE THE TERRAIN TO OUR ADVANTAGE, WE'RE DOOMED FROM THE START!
WE'RE ALREADY FIGHTING AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, I HEAR YOU! I KNOW I MESSED UP...
BUT RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT BIGGER FISH TO FRY...
A AND...
WHOSE FAULT IS IT THAT THINGS SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL LIKE THIS?
UUU... UUU...
UM...
MS. KAGUYA?
?

I'M AT A TOTAL LOSS!
THIS IS THE ULTIMATE DISGRACE!
MY MIND'S IN A COMPLETE FOG.

NEVER DID I IMAGINE... NEVER DID I DREAM...
SHE'S 28!
FOR 28 LONG YEARS...
...I'VE GUARDED MY MAIDEN'S VIRTUE...

KYAA!
I'M WHISKING YOU OFF TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE GALAXY, END OF STORY!
WAIT! WAIT! THAT WON'T DO! BESIDES!

MAN-HAN-DLED?
...I'D ALMOST GET MAN HANDLED BY THAT...
...THAT NE-ANDER-THAL!


NOT A SNOW BALL'S CHANCE IN HELL!
LOOK, I PROMISE I'LL MAKE SURE OUR BOSS GETS HIS COMEUPPANCE FOR ACTING LIKE A COMPLETE TOOL.

WEREN'T YOU ON A MISSION TO RESCUE 2,000 WOMEN?!
OW! THAT HURTS!
SMACK
GET A GRIP, WILL YOU?!
AH!
RIGHT!
OH NO!

MS. KAGUYA!
FEAR NOT, I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL!
HUH?

BLAST IT ALL, WE'VE STALLED..
IT'S NOT RE-SPOND-ING...
WHAT? HOW DOES A MOBILE SUIT EVEN STALL? WHA? HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?
THIS IS PRECISELY WHY I'VE BEEN SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR A DEDICATED MECHANIC!
WELL, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?!
OH NO!

ASH!!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE UNDEFEATED!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOUR HIGH-NESS?!
WE'LL SETTLE THIS LATER!
HOW DARE YOU!
W--
I-I'M NOT SURE!
Y-YOU CAN DO THAT?
WHAT?
I'LL ATTEMPT REPAIRS.

THAT DAY, THE WHEELS OF FATE HAD UNDOUBTEDLY BEGUN TO TURN.
BUT RIGHT NOW, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TRY!
MOVING IN A DIRECTION ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I'D WISHED FOR...
IMPRES-SIVE MOVES!
THESE ARE REAL PROFES-SIONALS!

FIVE SEASONED MERCS AT THAT...
HEH, WELL...
NOW THAT WE'RE IN THIS DANCE...
...WE MIGHT AS WELL SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END.
AT A PACE THAT LEFT ME BREATH-LESS...